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REJOICE! SPRING COMES TO BROADMEAD

BIRDS, FLOWERS, RITUALS AND CELEBRATIONS

By Elborg Forster

Winter, even for those of us who live in the comfort of Broadmead, seems to become harder to tolerate as we get older. I for one have fantasies of spring – warm sunshine, lengthening days, green grass, colorful flowers, birdsong. And I think about how humans throughout the history of the world explain why they feel so good when spring finally comes. I also ponder the rituals they have devised to celebrate these good feelings. Spring celebrations around the world express our joy at the return of light, warmth, fertility and also hope and forgiveness. They often involve food and family gatherings.



For Christians, Easter is a solemn occasion, which reenacts the Passion and the Resurrection of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Preceded by the austerity of Lent, which many Christians continue to observe, the joyful aspect of Easter comes to the fore in family gatherings, new finery, foods and decorations symbolic of renewal and fertility, such as eggs, rabbits, and lambs.

And is it a coincidence that spring is the time for the May Day celebration of the Socialist International – “Workers of the World, Unite!” – which gives voice to a fervent hope for a better future?

Jews celebrate Passover, which reenacts Israel's release from its long bondage in Egypt. The high point of this celebration is the Passover Seder, where families and friends gather together to share a meal that includes foods symbolic of both hardship (bitter herbs) and joy (honey). The story of the Exodus is told in great detail, so that the children will learn it and the adults will not forget it. Here again, release and freedom from suffering meld with the release and freedom from winter's grip.



The superficial bit of research I conducted on the internet did not yield any information on Islamic spring festivals. I learned only that Islam has been hostile to the Persian celebration of the vernal equinox called No Ruz. Islam seems to be focused on the festivals commemorating the early history of the Prophet and his followers. Its most important celebration is Ramadan, the date of which rotates around the lunar calendar.

And who does not know about the Chinese New Year, a 15-day festival that is celebrated around the world

wherever large numbers of Chinese have settled, including the Chinatowns of North America, Europe, and Australia. Connected with the vernal equinox, it falls between January 21 and February 20 of the Gregorian calendar. This festival also celebrates new beginning, end of danger, family cohesion, food, fun and games. Ancient myths speak of a monster, the Nian, that came to the villages to devour crops, livestock, and little children, but the color red, loud noises, and fireworks can chase it away with noisy and colorful parades. Families get together for elaborate meals that feature special and traditional foods.



Buddhism is a sober, serious religion, but in the spring a three-day water-festival called Songkran that is celebrated in Thailand allows for a certain silliness. Huge statues of the Buddha are sprayed with water, and the young throw water on each other in good fun. People also take food to the monks in their monasteries and enjoy festive meals with their families. They often release fish into rivers as an act of kindness. It's all about joy, release, and kindness. It's about spring.



In India the Hindu festival of Holi, which also takes place in the spring, reenacts ancient tales of gods and heroes in which good prevails over evil. In town and country people dress in green and then throw colored powder or liquid on each other until multi-colored crowds fill streets and squares, dancing, singing and celebrating. I have seen scenes of such crowds on the banks of the Ganges on TV. The sense of joy and release is palpable.

In Africa the arrival of spring brings more subtle changes than it does in northern regions. Still, the Effutu people of Ghana, for instance, celebrate it with hunting festivals. Teams of men and boys in bright costumes compete to see who brings in the most game, and then the festivities end with dancing and feasting.

So let us celebrate the human spirit, which finds ever new ways of celebrating hope and change. Let us also don our finery and go to church or attend a seder. Above all, let us enjoy the outdoors, among the Broadmead gardens perhaps, or along the Gunpowder River, where the foliage is of the tenderest green and where the first wildflowers sway in the warm breeze.

Am I being sentimental?



HOW ABOUT SPRING!

By Carolyn Underwood

The daffodils
are beginning to nod off.
They prefer the freshness of early spring.
The eighty degree weather puts them to sleep

But cousins are waking up.
There are buds on the azaleas.
Trees are flaunting their artistry
with their pallets of gold, pink, white,
lime green and purple.

The ground cover spreads its blue flowers
over the earth of our yards and
the dots of blue violets on the grass
delight the eye.

The birds are hollering for a mate
and are busy making a racket
about building nests.

The festival of spring is slowly spreading
its panoply of glory over the whole earth.
Well, at least in this hemisphere.

VOICE OF THE RESIDENTS EDITORIAL POLICY

The *VOICE* seeks to announce and report on events and activities at Broadmead and to carry feature articles, poems and other items written by residents and staff and of interest to Broadmead residents, plus material assigned by the editors.

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We must have all submissions by the 12th of the prior month. As we want no article to run to more than one page with headline, copy that exceeds 600 words in length will be edited and cut. All submissions should be typed and, if possible, sent by Word attachment to broadmeadvoice@broadmead.org, with a hard copy of same in the *VOICE* box at the reception desk on the upper level.



MYSTERY CATS—Georgia Erlbeck, who maintains the mini garden display outside the entry to the Center from the clusters, says the two cats just arrived one day, shortly after the display of snowmen disappeared. Where from? Who? And who knitted the "kitty cap"?

Photo by Marcia Reinke

MOVING AROUND BROADMEAD

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Thomas Barnes	C-12	S-303

In Memoriam

Miriam A. Howe

July 19, 1907

February 28, 2011

Julia A. Metcalf

March 12, 1916

March 3, 2011

John A. Stephens

January 30, 1929

March 21, 2011

IT'S SPRING! WALK THE TRAIL, ADMIRE THE FLOWERS, HAVE A PICNIC

By Sally Bloomer

With the arrival of spring comes the reassurance for most residents that they have chosen the perfect place to retire. Broadmead's location on 94 acres offers many opportunities to enjoy nature to its fullest. From the rippling stream of Western Run to the trails of the ridge we are rewarded with open fields, an old barn with cupola, mowed lawns, tall trees, and rows of attractive cluster gardens. Fortunately we are not confined to high rise apartments, crowded on limited land.

Physically able residents who follow the path along Western Run are treated to the sight of mallard ducks, a great blue heron, kingfishers and occasionally a beaver. In late February a red shouldered hawk is ready to nest in a tall sycamore on the opposite shore. Bird walks will lead you to it, as well as to Baltimore oriole nests in May. You can follow the stream all the way to Ashland Road. Along a wide part of the stream neighbor children have secured a rope with a rubber tire to swing out over the water. Benches have been situated along the path by ambitious woodshop workers.

On our north border is the ridge with a path leading up to the summer house. It has benches and a table. Have a picnic! There is a natural stone foundation along which ferns and wild flowers grow. In spring look for spring beauties: celandine, jack-in-the-pulpit and trillium.

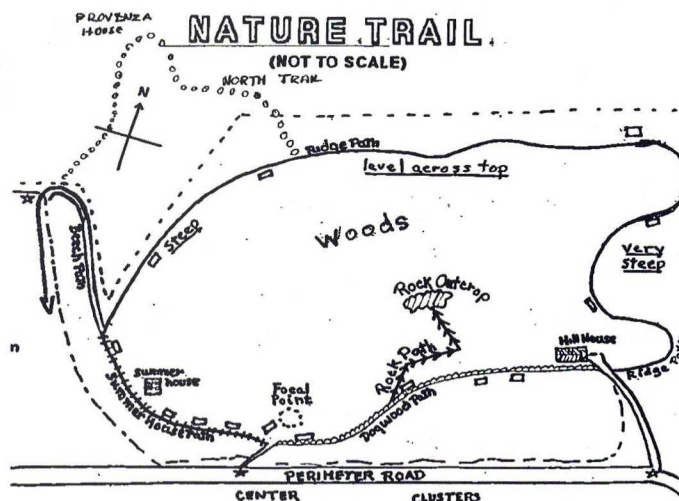
Beyond the summer house is the Beech Trail that leads back down to the bluebird boxes and the row of sweet gum trees along the fence entrance. Continue on up the Ridge Trail, and be rewarded by a bird's-eye view of Broadmead. On the lower Dogwood Trail is the garnet outcropping, marked by a rail fence for easy access.

The prime public area is the rose garden, the shuffle board area, and the raised north and south planters. On the plaza you can relax in lawn chairs with tables and behold the landscape. The rose garden is carefully tended by Ted Wilson and his helpers. In addition to the rose bushes, Ted has planted ornamental grasses, spirea and butterfly bushes. These are arranged in two circles around a sundial. There is even a rose arbor with a bench to rest on while you enjoy the surrounding landscape. Have a picnic! Mulch and fertilizer along with water are carefully applied throughout the season.

In the north planter grow annuals tended by Carolyn Whittington. She buys the annuals from a Baltimore greenhouse. After they are planted, she nips the first buds so that larger blossoms will be produced. A colorful display of zinnias, marigolds, and blue salvia are grown for the flower arrangers. Dahlias are grown down by the barn, where many gardeners have individual boxes for vegetables as well as flowers. The south planter contains perennials and biennials. They require less work since they usually can be counted on year after year. The center is highlighted by a tall graceful baptisia with its blue and purple spires chosen by Peggy Taliaferro. Pink and

blue lupines grow as well as sweet william, that old-fashioned biennial covered with massive flat-topped flower heads, three to five inches across in red, pink and white. Both of these are started from seeds. Gaillardia, bee balm, four o'clocks as well as the ever faithful daisy also grow here. This planter requires careful weeding and sprinkling. Anyone interested is welcome to lend a hand. You will be contributing to an area where many residents and their guests gather to be sociable. You can even try a game of shuffleboard. Or have a picnic.

The other outstanding social area is the dog run. Along the perimeter road in front of the maintenance shed is a fenced-in area with chairs for dog owners while their pets run and bark. Nearby there is a huge oak tree with a swing. From there you can view the lily-filled pond. The pond has goldfish and frogs. And a kingfisher often sings in a nearby tree. There is even a picnic table nearby. Have another picnic as you enjoy the waterfalls near the old springhouse.



GET OUT YOUR HIKING SHOES and watch the bulletin board for the announcement of Broadmead's annual Trail Day. A better map will be available then.

OPEN FORUM PRESENTS

7 p.m. Auditorium

Friday, April 1

The Supreme Court:

Religion and the First Amendment

Christine Kellett, J.D.

Dickinson School of Law

Pennsylvania State University

Thursday, April 14

State of the Bay

Challenges and Issues

Paul Beares

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

LET'S DITCH THE BLACK, GRAY AND NAVY

By Susie Fetter

Black, black, gray, gray, navy.

Is there nothing else to wear? It is spring and the point in the year when the winter wardrobe is beginning to look dreary, shabby and old.

Snowdrops, crocuses and scilla are braving the persistent cold, and daffodils threaten to defy the temperatures. Meanwhile, I sigh as I don the same old jacket and slacks.

For some time Anne Allen Dandy has been informing us that some birds are flashing their spring plumage. We have celebrated the spring equinox with joy and even welcomed the early resumption of daylight savings. The writers group is grinding out odes to spring. So why do we wear the same old stuff? Most of us are of an age that adheres to the strict code of "white shoes and slacks after Memorial Day and before Labor Day".

I'm not suggesting that we flout this convention, but can't we shift a bit? There are those in our midst who brighten up dreary turtle necks with vivid scarves or outrageous costume jewelry. We eye our neighbors for hints of individual splash. Yes, there's Ruth Williams with a sea foam running outfit. Ah, Fran Beasley is wearing her fleece, brightened with birds. Will Sally Bloomer dust off her red high heels to give us a lift?

As for the men - when will Richard Gilley sport those fabulous prints so skillfully crafted by Joyce?

Meanwhile, the newspapers are featuring the latest runway fashions for us to scorn and ridicule. But dare I hope? Are skirts dropping below the knee? Are skirts coming back? Can women of a certain age find suitable skirts again?

But then, who has not heard this response to a compliment: "This old thing? It's at least 30 years old!" Yes, that '50s kilt never goes out of style - too bad the moths found mine and rendered it unwearable. How I envy those lucky souls who saved their ankle-length wool skirts. Anything to alter the monotony of black, gray and navy slacks.

I plan to raid my summer garment bags in search of a mood-lifting blouse to wear as the daffodil explosion delights our senses. Some of those turtle necks will go to the next Barn Sale or Goodwill.

But I will keep those black, gray and navy slacks hanging for wear through April, for we all know about Baltimore weather. Besides, those stolid wools will look fabulous in late October after I tire of all those insipid pastels and seersucker slacks.

HOLLY AWARDS ANNOUNCED

By Ruth Williams

Winners of this year's Holly Awards for on-the-job achievements were announced at a recent All Staff Chat. Winners received a pin, decorated with a Holly Leaf, and a monetary award.

Congratulations to the following:

Individual Achievement: Guy Gambrill, Food Service

Commitment to Excellence: Jerrell Fleming, Food Service

Spirit of Broadmead: Leonard House, Maintenance

Leadership: Doug Bareis, Administration

Team Achievement: The Food Service Renovation Committee, consisting of Bernard Queen, Food Service; Doug Bareis, Administration; Rich Compton, Administration; Jerrell Fleming, Food Service; Melinda Purkey, Food Service; Beth Connors, Housekeeping; and David Velasquez, Maintenance.

MUSICAL EVENTS

Auditorium and Lounge

Sunday, April 10, 2 p.m.

CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY

42 Member Chamber Chorus

(Always our most popular program)

Monday, April 18, 7 p.m.

LET'S SING

with Jonathan Jensen at the piano

by Phil Schnering

MULTICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Taylor East Lounge

Quilt Project Continues

Monday, April 18, 7 p.m., Auditorium

Louis Diggs, noted local historian

Talk on African-American communities in Northern Baltimore County

(to be followed by bus trip Thursday, May 19, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)

Thursday, April 21, 5-7 p.m. Magnolia Room

Passover Seder

Seder facilitators: Reva Freedman and Michael Glass
Sign-up sheet to be posted in early April.

SATURDAY MORNING BIRD WALKS IN APRIL AND MAY



By Anne Allen B. Dandy

Carry a pair of binoculars and you'll never walk alone.

I've been doing just that in the morning, on clear, cold days with brilliant cloudless skies and a brisk north breeze. As I pass through Cluster C, I've seen the witch hazel in full bloom, pale yellow blossoms blowing in the breeze. Several very red cardinals, in their spring breeding, varied their songs with birdie/birdie and cheer/cheer.

North of the barn, near the purple martin house, I've been treated to viewing three pairs of bluebirds. The contrast of their color with the house finch's bright pink creates a spectacle.

The Western Run once again has lived up to my expectations. I've thought of Lynn Buck, as I've sat on the bench, and remembered how she loved to be here in days gone by to observe the changing seasons. Snowdrops have opened just across the river from the rebuilt red shouldered hawks' nest. I've recognized the raucous call of the pileated woodpeckers in that area.

Communing with nature here at Broadmead is an uplifting and necessary experience. Dot Gustafson and I hope for a good turnout for our Saturday morning bird walks in April and May.

APRIL FOOL'S DAY ADVICE FOR MY GRANDCHILDREN

By Ruth Williams

Long ago and far away
Was the start of April Fool's Day.
From France it spread everywhere
From India to Delaware

A time to play silly jokes
On your friends and other folks.
Two left shoes for your sister's feet,
Saran wrap on the toilet seat.

Glue a quarter to the ground
And laugh when it is found.
Then short-sheet your brother's bed,
Scatter salt on your father's bread.

Set the clocks two hours hence,
Smear grease on your neighbor's fence.
Replace the oatmeal with blue mush,
And sprinkle salt on mom's toothbrush.

But when you play these tricks, beware.
You could find a tack on your chair.
Though forgiveness might be divine,
Retaliation feels sublime.

BIRD AND NATURE GROUP

Friday, April 22

1:30 p.m.

Fireplace Room
on the lower level

Everyone Welcome



Saturday morning bird walks

April 16 through May 21

Meet at 8 a.m. by Broadmead's Lake Maybe
Cancelled if raining. All welcome.

VESPERS

Sunday, April 17 4:30 p.m. Main Lounge

Barbara Stumpf, Minister

Deer Creek Harmony Presbyterian Church

All are welcome

Bill Duff

THE BROADMEAD PLAYREADERS PRESENT

The Necklace

By Guy De Maupassant

*(One-act play, with three scenes, adapted
from a short story by French writer
De Maupassant.)*

Wednesday, April 6, 7 p.m., Auditorium

Starring Margaret Proctor, Bill Benson, Sally
Bloomer, Bob Davies and Sue Schlenger

Produced by Bob Herrmann

RECORD-BREAKING* BARN SALE YIELDS \$18,170

****AT LEAST WE THINK IT'S RECORD-BREAKING***

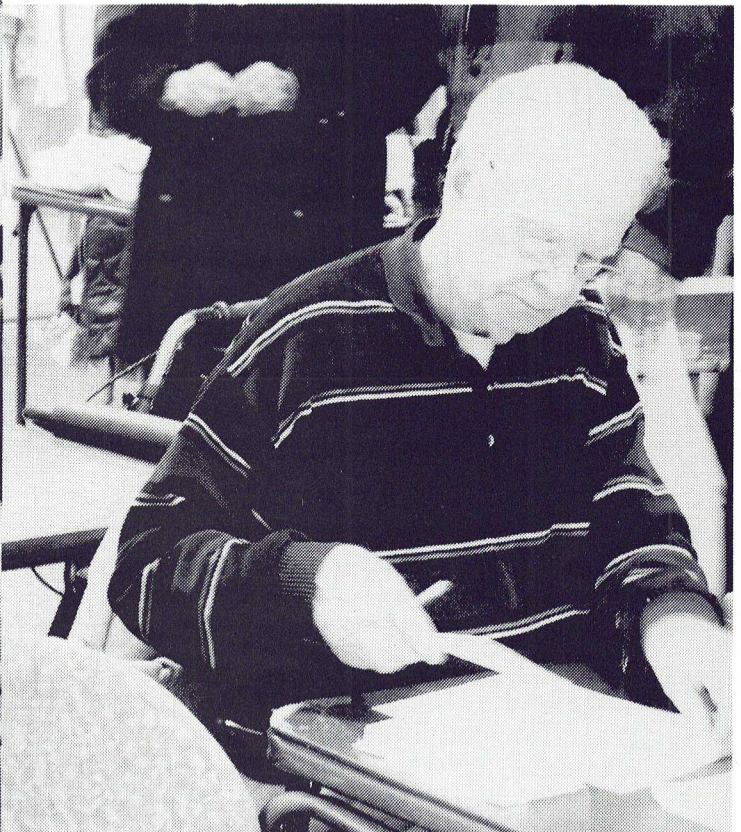
Text and photos by Marcia Reinke

No one we asked seemed to know whether \$18,170 was record-breaking but it sounds good to say so, and who knows, in absence of some authority, it might even be true. The \$18,170 includes \$4,809 in sales made after the fall barn sale and prior to our March event. Of the \$13,361 made in March, \$8,498 was made during the seven-hour Friday sale and \$4,973 at the shortened and partially half-price Saturday event. Barn sales are the biggest moneymaker for the Residents Association.

Shown here, at left, admiring the scarf display are Nancy Warner and Jane Michener. Now fashionable, scarves proved to be very popular at this year's sale

Below left is Ted Wilson who put in long hours, working in both men's clothing and appliances.

Below, Walter Hudson tallies the take at his table. Walter worked in "This 'n' That", primarily in selling tapes, DVDs and other electronics.



Department	Amount
Appliances	\$ 1,932
Baked Goods	\$ 491
Books	\$ 427
China & Glass	\$ 1,658
Clothing	\$ 3,699
Furniture	\$ 4,009
Pictures/Frames	
Luggage	
Jewelry	\$ 2,011
Kitchenware	\$ 775
Lamps	\$ 302
Linens	\$ 989
Shoes & Handbags	\$ 382
This & That	\$ 1,496
TOTAL	\$ 18,170



Above, Elaine McDonald is polishing some of the dishes sold at the tables featuring china and glass.

Below left: Sales at the jewelry table kept its resident staff very busy, not only at the event but in sorting and pricing all year. Shown here handling the cash are Louise "Weezie" Davis and Nancy Boyce.

Below at left is John Robbins, jack-of-all-trades at every barn sale, conferring with the treasury and information table crew: Charlie Lee, Ethel Landis and John Michener.



LAWYER TALKS OF POODLES, KOREAN SERVICE, ANCESTRY

By Ted Wilson

Corporate Lawyer Albert Laisy has a history that includes an Ohio childhood in the ridges and valleys of what was once known as the Western Reserve and ancestors who were silver miners, flower growers and dealers in mules and horses.

Speaking to the Men's Saturday Social Hour, Albert explained that land in the Western Reserve was granted to Revolutionary War Veterans in lieu of pensions. He grew up in North Olmsted, adjacent to the town of Olmsted, which was named for a man who arrived there by ox cart, bringing with him 47 books that became the town's library. Albert's father and grandfather, who'd previously been a silver miner out west, raised cut flowers in greenhouses heated by the abundant cheap natural gas found in northern Ohio. His other grandfather, who'd been a blacksmith and dealer in mules and horses, helped prepare the ground for what would become the Cleveland airport.

The family home was next door to the local cemetery, where Albert and his friends befriended the local gravedigger and spent many happy hours playing among the tombstones.

Since he was large for his age, he did well in sports, captaining his high school football team and running track, where he said he did well on the curves because he has one leg shorter than the other. He attended Yale prior to serving in the Korean War where he wound up teaching trigonometry to those going into artillery control. He also helped in the operation of huge battlefield searchlights used to shed light on enemy positions, particularly in Korea.

Following the war he attended Law School at the University of Pennsylvania. He served with several firms dealing with corporate law, as well as serving 12 years as a public defender. In the meantime he married a professional lady who had her own business dealing with the publishing and advertising of books and the arranging of book-signing tours. In retirement they moved to Bel Air where they lived in the only truly French country home in America, enjoyed rural life and the raising of purebred poodles.

HAITI'S FUTURE LOOKS GRIM

By Marcia Reinke

"In economic terms, Haiti is doing really, really bad. Unemployment has been over 50%, almost forever. Over 80% of the population lives below the poverty level," said Dr. Pierre K. Alexandre shortly after the first anniversary of Haiti's disastrous earthquake at a pessimistic presentation here.

Citing grim statistics, he said life expectancy is 62 years; the literacy rate is just 53% and there are no jobs. Interest rates hover at 17%.

Dr. Alexandre, son of illiterate parents, is now an Associate Professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Educated in Haiti and the United States, he has a Ph.D plus an MPH from Harvard. He has visited his home country three times in recent months.

Illustrating with pictures of the earthquake's devastation, he also showed film of his rural hometown to which he and his wife returned recently for a family funeral. He reviewed Haitian history, beginning with Columbus in 1492, through the series of deplorable dictatorships in recent years.

Even before the earthquake, Haiti's situation was desperate. "And all of this is only 50 minutes by air from Miami," he said.

STTS SCHEDULES ANNOUNCED

Louise Hager has announced the 2011-2012 bus schedule for Broadmead's Season Ticket Transportation Service (STTS). Costs will remain at \$8.50 per trip, or \$10 for non-subscribers, same as this year. Those interested may pick up an application at the reception desk, record the series they wish to attend, write a check to the BRA, put both check and application in an envelope and place in Louise's box, M-1. She will then place your name on the bus list.

Louise suggests that you reserve your theater or symphony seats before your bus reservation. Here are the dates:

BSO A - Sept. 18, Nov. 17, Feb. 23, April 10, June 7
....\$42.50

BSO B - Nov. 10, Jan. 9, Mar 8, May 3, May 24\$42.50.

BSO K - Sept 25, Oct. 30 Jan. 29; Feb. 26; March 18, May 6 ...\$51

Shriver Hall - Oct. 9, Oct. 30, Dec. 4, Jan 29, Feb. 26, March 18, April 15, May 6...\$68

Everyman Theater Friday night - Sept. 16, Nov. 11, Jan. 27, March 23, May 25\$42.50

Everyman Theater Sunday matinee - Oct. 2, Nov. 27, Feb 12, April 8, June 10 ...\$42.50

Lyric Opera Sunday matinee - Nov. 6, Nov. 20, March 11, April 22...\$34.

Choral Arts - No report at this time

Center Stage - No report at this time

WIFE RECORDS STORIES OF WARTIME ESCAPES

By Virginia Foster

Jan Michael Minkowski realized that his elegant cavalry boots were a hindrance. Also his officer's tunic. Reluctantly he discarded them in exchange for worn barn boots, a cloth cap and an enlisted man's summer jacket.

The date was September, 1939, and Jan had reached the conclusion that Poland was a cipher between the German army and the advancing Soviet troops. The Ribbentrop-Molotov pact between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union sealed the fate of the Polish armies.

Even after ripping off his officer's insignia, Jan was captured and accused by the Russians of being an officer. As he was standing in line with other prisoners awaiting execution, he gave the last crumbs of his bread to the Soviet's horse, a gesture that brought him temporary release. He started a long walk north. Jan was within 20 kilometers of his first wife's estate, Kobylany, when he entered a village called Wohyn and was detained again by the Soviets, this time in an enclosed yard of a printing shop with other officers. It became evident that each man was left to his own devices. An escape plan took shape in Jan's mind.

He left the yard in the dark of night, walking miles to a suburb of Zamosc where he changed his clothing and his identity from Lt. Jan Minkowski to Janek. Despite this he was retaken prisoner by the Soviets and pushed into a sealed cattle car bound for Russia.

Conditions were appalling. Jan stated later that the train trip was the worst of his entire captivity. The men were taken from the cars and marched for hours to a camp near Osha in Smolensk. There the prisoners were forced to dig and prepare peat moss. The amount of food allotted to each man depended on the amount of peat harvested and cut each day.

Jan began learning Russian, also volunteering for electrical repairs, having some background in electrical engineering. In 1939, the barracks were awakened before daylight and informed of a major move back to Poland. 9



Jan Minkowski in uniform of 2nd lieutenant in the Polish cavalry. .

During the trip, the men realized after passing through Warsaw non-stop that their destination was a German camp. There they were exchanged for various prisoners. Now in Nuremberg, Bavaria, they were eventually moved to Braunschweig, learning in May of the collapse of France. French prisoners filtered in, resulting in the removal of Jan and his contingent to Woldenberg, where they spent the final five years of the war. They experienced many challenges: hunger, physical ills, humiliation and uncertainty of the future, but military training prepared them to cope and anticipate a free life.

(Jan emigrated to Erie, Pennsylvania, married Anne Schreve, raised a family in Roland Park and enjoyed a distinguished career at Johns Hopkins. Broadmead resident Anne Minkowski has authored a book entitled Through Three Wars: The Memoirs of Jan Michael Minkowski, in which his years as a prisoner are recorded. The book is dedicated to their four sons: Andrew, John, Chris and Mark and to all the grandchildren.)

RESIDENTS INVITED TO LAW DAY

Highlights of the United States Constitution will be discussed by members of the Maryland Association of Administrative Law Judiciary at the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings, 11101 Gilroy Road in Hunt Valley on Monday, May 2, in observance of Law Day.

The discussion will begin at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a reception from 11 a.m. until noon. Those attending will receive a pocket copy of the Constitution. RSVP to 410-229-4161 or mshock@oah.state.md.us.

SIX STEPS NEEDED TO ATTAIN POLITICAL GOALS

By Marcia Reinke

"Health Care for All" advocate Vincent DeMarco, who's successfully led Maryland campaigns against tobacco and guns, has this year been focusing on an alcohol tax, not only to add cash to state coffers, but also to cut down on drinking, especially among the young.

Speaking to a recent Open Forum, DeMarco explained in detail the six-step process he has followed in getting public policy legislation passed despite powerful vested interests. Noting that he's been called "a public health Nazi" and an advocate for "a nanny state", he said he has spent 20 years building public power against those "who make money off the status quo."

The process, outlined in a book entitled *The DeMarco Factor: Transforming Public Will into Political Power*, by Michael Pertschuk, starts with step one, to come up with a smart plan to achieve the goal. Different issues have different solutions, he said. With guns, it was to limit the number that could be sold. With tobacco it was to increase the price, because a commissioned study indicated that would cut sales, and it did. Smoking in Maryland has dropped by 32%, which means there are some 240,000 fewer people smoking. That could save some 70,000 lives and the money saved can be used for other health care, he said.

DeMarco, who attended Johns Hopkins and was a student of our own Professor Robert Forster, has a law degree from Columbia and is now an adjunct assistant professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He is president of the Maryland Citizen's Health Initiative, a coalition of over 1,000 organizations

seeking to insure quality affordable health care for all Marylanders.

Step two, he said, is to test public opinion to see if there is support. In the process of polling, people were asked whether they felt strongly enough on the issue to back a candidate who agreed with them. He said with tobacco the group who hated smoking the most were Republican women. Those most against an increased tobacco tax were Republican men.

Step three is to build a powerful coalition. "Advocates make the mistake of talking too much to legislators, who are more apt to listen to the vested interests." Instead he advocates writing up a simple document reading "Whereas...the undersigned endorses ..." and to take it all across the state getting organizations, especially faith communities, to sign. It's a long hard process, but it educates the public, he said.

Step four is to use the media and the "media just loves seeing the faith community taking on evil empires. We had one headline which read 'God Versus Tobacco,'" he said. Step five is to make your issue an election issue by sending the resolution out to everyone running for office, requesting a signature. "Candidates hate it when you want them to take a position on something. But the voters want to know how they stand." Step six is to work in the Legislature and expose the lobbyists, he said, comparing them to cockroaches. "They do very well in the dark, in the halls of Annapolis when no one is watching. When we've turned on the lights of public opinion, they've fled."

DeMarco, who came to Broadmead directly from testifying before Legislative Committees, said he is optimistic that an alcohol tax increase will pass. "We think it's not whether, but for how much," he said, urging his audience to contact their legislators now.

(As The Voice went to press, alcohol tax legislation had received favorable committee reports but had not yet gone before the full Maryland General Assembly.)

THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS TEACHING KIDS AND CHASING FOSSILS.

By Ted Wilson

A boyhood filled with summer vacations at National Parks stimulated Broadmead resident Bob Shoemaker's interest in plant life and fossils and eventually led to a professorship in Botany and Paleontology at Towson University.

Speaking to the Men's Saturday Social Hour, Bob reviewed his college years at Carleton and his graduate training at the University of Minnesota prior to his 1967 appointment at Towson, where he taught for 37 years.

His father, an organic chemist, helped develop Permalube oil which kept automotive engines running smoothly and cleanly. From his dad he learned to appreciate scientific methodology and advice about not saying "no" to yourself if you wanted to apply for training, but to let someone else say the "no". He passed this advice on to his students. He does not claim to be a researcher, but enjoyed his career as a teacher, not only in the classroom and laboratory, but on field trips.

His interest in fossils took him to many areas, including Ecuador's rich fossil beds in the foothills of the Andes. When Ecuador planned a dam that would have destroyed a unique fossil area, he convinced authorities not to proceed. After a change in government, however, his rich collection of fossils was destroyed by a leader who did not understand their significance, considering them just dusty rocks.

When electron microscopy became available, Bob taught himself how to use it in botanical studies with his students. He enjoyed his career teaching, publishing scientific articles and seeing some of his students following in his footsteps. In retirement he continues his love of travel.

BROADMEAD QUILT NOW UNDERWAY



Quilters are now meeting regularly on Tuesdays to design their own squares, which will be assembled into a special Broadmead memorial quilt. Shown from left are Betty Douglas, Dosia Laeyendecker, Gladys De Graffenreith, Bobbie Siebens, Mary Ellen Saterlie and Virginia Schurman. Mary Ellen, a former trustee, is directing the project.

Photo by Penny Partlow

REMEMBER: LIGHTS OUT

When you leave a room, turn off the lights. This applies especially to rest rooms and locker rooms in the Center where they do not turn off automatically. It is encouraging to see more outside front lights turned off after you turn in. Think how much money would be saved after the initial investment if the carport lights were motion activated.

Residents who eat in the Arbor Café are being more careful about placing recyclable objects in the recycle bin. Wouldn't it be helpful if more cardboard cups were available rather than styrofoam which is not recyclable?

Sally Bloomer

BALLET VIDEO

Friday, April 22, 7 p.m. in the Auditorium

MAYERLING

by Franz Liszt.

Royal Ballet, Covent Garden

Choreography by Kenneth McMillan

In *Mayerling* Kenneth McMillan choreographs the tragic love story of Crown Prince Rudolph of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and 17-year-old Baroness Maria Vetsevera.

Harry Blumenthal

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

7 p.m. Auditorium

April 2

Hutzler's, Where Baltimore Shops

Michael Linsky

Book's author and local historian

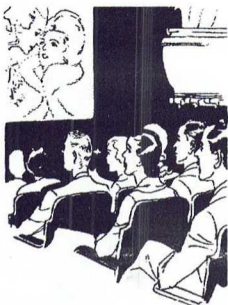
April 16

Harford Friends School Young Musicians in spring performance and drama.

Movies will be shown April 9, 23 and 30

See page 12

Sue Schlenger



BROADMEAD MOVIES

In the auditorium at 7 p.m.
Tuesday movies selected
by Sita Smith and Ruth Williams
Saturday movies selected by
Jeanne Stephenson.

Tuesday, April 5 **Movie cancelled**
(Scheduling conflict)

Saturday, April 9 **A Tale of Two Cities**
 Ronald Colman, Basil Rathbone, Elizabeth Allen,
 Henry B. Walthall. Charles Dickens' tale of love,
 honor and tumult during the French Revolution.
 1935 NR 126 minutes

Tuesday, April 12.....In Search of Beethoven
 Sir Roger Norrington, Claudio Abbado and many
 others. Phil Grabsky, award-winning director of
In Search of Mozart, lenses this feature length, in
 depth look at Ludwig van Beethoven, which features
 new insights into the composer's life and music, plus
 excerpts from more than 60 live performances.
(Subtitles)
 2009 NR 139 minutes

Tuesday, April 19..... Angels and Demons
 After the murder of Italian physicist Leonardo Vetra,
 Harvard symbologist Robert Langton's (Tom Hanks)
 investigation with Vetra's daughter (Ayelet Zurer)
 leads to a secret society, the Illuminati, and a quest
 for the world's most potent—and deadly—energy
 source. Ron Howard directed this crime thriller
 which is based on *Da Vinci Code* author Dan
 Brown's novel, *Angels and Demons*. Co-stars are
 Ewan McGregor and Stellan Skarsgard. *(Subtitles)*
 2009 PG-13 138 minutes

Saturday, April 23..... On Golden Pond
 Henry Fonda, Katharine Hepburn, Dabney Colman,
 Doug McKeon, Jane Fonda. Henry Fonda plays
 Norman Thayer, a feisty octogenarian obsessed with
 death and emotionally distant from his daughter
 (Jane Fonda). Hepburn is radiant as his wife Ethel.
 1981 PG 109 minutes

Tuesday, April 26 **Vincere**
 Ida Daiser (Giovanna Mezzogiomo) falls for the
 young Benito Mussolini (Filippo Timi) in Milan and
 sells everything she has to help the future dictator
 fund his newspaper, "Popola d'Italia." When World
 War I separates the newly wedded couple, Mussolini
 marries another woman. Ida demands to retain her

rights as Mussolini's wife and mother of his son, but
 Fascists have other plans for the dictator's secret in
 this gripping biopic. *(Italian with English subtitles)*
 2009 NR 125 minutes

Saturday, April 30 **The Citadel**
 Robert Donat, Rosalind Russell, Ralph Richardson,
 Rex Harrison, Emlyn Williams. Young Dr. Manson
 fights the ills that beset the overworked and forgot-
 ten in poor Welsh mining towns. The burdens of his
 struggle shatter his idealism and he opens a London
 practice. Then tragedy forces him to face what he
 has become.
 1938 NR 114 minutes

BOYNTONS THANK BROADMEAD

John, Peter and Andy Boynton and their
 families want to thank the people of Broadmead, the
 ENTIRE community of workers, employees, inde-
 pendent professionals, and good dear friends of
 John and Milly Boynton for making Broadmead such
 a warm, energized and wholesome place for them to
 spend the last years of their lives. Pop often said:
 "this is the last stop on the train ride, and it was a
 good place for them to get off."

We realized very soon after they moved to
 Broadmead what a great gift they had given us. It
 kept them safe, except for getting onto York Road,
 and actively interested in what life continued to
 offer. And when they started to deal with the inevita-
 ble problems of growing older, we knew they were in
 good hands. We did not have to interrupt our lives,
 drop everything and get to them immediately to help
 with their care.

We also want to thank the ENTIRE commu-
 nity of Broadmead for their support of the John A.
 (and Milly H.) Boynton Employee Scholarship Fund
 over the years. Thank you for the contributions of
 money and energy you gave to help Pop bring it to
 fruition and the continued support that helped Mom
 keep it going.

We have made a donation to the fund in the
 hope it will help sustain its existence well into the
 future. We hope that those who knew Mom and Pop
 will do the same in their memory. We didn't do this,
 and don't want you to do it because we want to keep
 our parents' names in the yearly Scholarship Report.
 We wanted to make a donation and hope you do as
 well because it does a good thing. It helps people
 who want to better their lives.

Thank you Broadmeadians for making our
 parents' final years so fruitful and comfortable.

With respect and fondness, John and Jane,
 Peter and Cindy, Andy and Jane Boynton.

GONE: 312.5 POUNDS 8 WINNERS SHARE POT

Next goal: the Royal Wedding

By Jody Tromble

The Biggest Loser Challenge officially came to an end on March 11 with a cumulative weight loss of 312.5 pounds. Completing the nine-week challenge, managed by the Wellness Department for Broadmead staff volunteers, were 24 employees and every one of them lost weight.

Eight of the 24 met their 8% weight loss goal and, dividing the pot eight ways, took home a winner's bonus of \$93.12. The pot included the \$20 everyone had to contribute to participate in the challenge, plus the \$5 fines paid when there was no loss at the weekly weigh-in.

Winners are: Barbara Almony (laundry); Rachel Harris (unit clerk); Shelley Hubert (accounting); Diane Krause (reception); Keri Omopariola (maintenance); Becky Shive (therapy); Jody Tromble (wellness); and Christina Turner (private duty). Christina Turner lost the most weight, entitling her to a free one-year membership in the Fitness Center.

The current big Wellness Department event, for both residents and staff, is the annual Destination Challenge, which kicked off March 27 and will run until April 30. The destination this year is the Royal Wedding on April 29. To earn the 3,641 miles to London, participants receive mileage credits for attending any and all of Broadmead's exercise classes, working out in the Exercise Room on the treadmill, the bicycles, the elliptical and the machines, walking the Perimeter Road, and even walking back and forth to meals from the Clusters. Along the way Wellness will provide information about the wedding and other facts about London, which will be almost as good as actually going there.

VOLUNTEER RECEPTION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 12

Each year Broadmead volunteers contribute tens of thousands of service hours at Broadmead and in the greater community. During National Volunteer Week (April 10-16) we'll show our appreciation and celebrate these dedicated volunteers and their inspiring work.

All residents, volunteers and staff are invited to enjoy fellowship, refreshments and the music of pianist Jonathan Jensen at Broadmead's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception. It will be held Tuesday, April 12 from 2-4 p.m. in the Auditorium and Lounge. Questions may be directed to Whitney Leber, Health Care Volunteer Coordinator at 443-578-8030 or wleber@broadmead.org.

LECTURE TITLES ANNOUNCED

By Barbara Vosburgh

The Adventures in Learning Committee will present a series of four lectures in April on "Women in the Arts." Lecturing will be Ellen Cutler, who has had a long career of teaching and writing about the Arts. She is currently an instructor in Art History at the Johns Hopkins University Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning as well as an Adjunct Professor of Art History at the Maryland Institute College of Art. The programs will be presented in the Auditorium at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays April 6, 13, 20 and 27. Lecture titles are as follows:

April 6—A Changing Profession, Painters in the 17th and 18th Century

April 13—The White Marmorean Flock and Their Daughters: Sculpture in the 19th Century

April 20—Lady Camera Workers: Art Photography and Pictorialism, 1860-1940

April 27 -German Expressionism and Modern Women

BRA HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE LECTURES

Tuesday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.

The Heimlich Maneuver
Jody Tromble

Tuesday, April 19, 10:30 a.m.

Skin Cancer
Dr. Barbara Carroll

All programs in the Auditorium.
Everyone welcome

Wednesday Worship

1st Wednesday every month at 10:30 a.m.

EPISCOPAL COMMUNION

Taylor East Lounge, 3rd floor

Sponsored by Sherwood Episcopal Church

2nd Wednesday every month at 10 a.m.

CATHOLIC MASS

Taylor East Lounge, 3rd floor

Sponsored by St. Francis Xavier Church

3rd Wednesday every month at 10:30 a.m.

PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNION

Stony Run Activities Room, 3rd floor

Sponsored by Ashland Presbyterian Church

POLITICAL EXTREMES ARE RESULT OF REDISTRICTING

But does anyone care?

By Marcia Reinke

The extreme divisions between Democrats and the GOP in the Congress, and also in the states, are due to redistricting, a crucial reallocation of votes to which most people pay scant attention, and then only once every 10 years.

Citing observations in the *National Journal*, Open Forum speaker Lu Pierson said that in 1982, 36 of the 50 Senators were considered centrist, willing to cross the aisle and cooperate with the opposing party. That figure is zero today.

In 1982 in the House, 340 were considered centrist enough to get things done. Today there are seven. And that is a direct result of redistricting, she said.

Pierson, immediate past president of the Maryland League of Women Voters and a former member of both the Baltimore City and Maryland State Boards of Elections, said "some of this can be blamed on talk radio or cable TV."

But as a practical matter it's because lines are drawn either to protect incumbents or to create districts where one party is very strong. Therefore many elections are now won or lost in the primaries. If a moderate Democrat is running, the only one running against him will be more to the left; while the moderate Republican will be challenged by the far right.

This means our public officials move more and more to the extremes, she said.

Pierson reviewed the reapportionment process, which follows each 10-year census and decides which states will gain and lose Congressional seats. Maryland continues with eight Congressional districts, while nationally there's been a shift of seats from the rust belt states to Texas and the southwest.

The redistricting, the actual process of drawing the lines for the Congressional districts,

as well as those for the General Assembly and county offices, are handled by the state, based on criteria established by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Maryland is, however, the only state that vests all the redistricting power in the governor.

Although nothing has been announced to date, governors have usually appointed redistricting advisory committees, which hold hearings around the state. Pierson, who has attended dozens of these hearings, said "the public input has nothing to do with what's going to come out, and once a plan is drawn there is little room for public comment."

Maryland's plan will probably go before a special session of the General Assembly in September, as it must be completed before filing dates for the election of 2012.

No General Assembly has ever agreed with a Maryland governor's plan, but none has come up with an alternative plan in the 45-day period before the governor's plan automatically goes into effect.

This year prisoners must be counted at their last known address, not at the prison's location. In recent years redistricting plans have frequently been challenged and therefore decided by the courts.

Pierson said that the League nationwide has adopted a position in favor of independent redistricting commissions. The gold standard for an independent commission is Iowa where it is done by the non-partisan Department of Legislative Reference.

"But Iowa, unlike Maryland, is a nice rectangular white state with few minorities," she said. Maryland is anything but rectangular. It has many minorities and redistricting has to start from the borders. As a result, of the top 10 worst gerrymanders in the United States, two are in Maryland. "But that's down from four a few years back," she said.

Pierson is pessimistic about getting change here. Elected officials run the process and elected officials look out for themselves. Because Maryland's Constitution does not allow for initiative petitions, and there seems to be no groundswell of concern about the process here, she does not envision any near future change.



HITHER, THITHER AND YAWN

With Foxy Georgia

Spring. A welcome thaw. A great Barn Sale. And what a wonderful way to display the art ...hanging in East Hall and already the sales are evident. Congrats to the thinkers and installers, Nancy Boyce and committee.

Spring was also heralded on St. Pat's day, the time to plant the peas - so they say in the old country. There was corned beef and cabbage on the menu, thanks to Bernard's leprechauns.

Meanwhile a new group is forming, the Dark Glasses Society. Some of the lucky members so far are George Brownell, Irene Schneider, Dottie Krug and Margaret Proctor.

Another group is the Cat Sitters Society with the membership of Natalie Bellows, Sue Camell, Elaine McDonald. What do they do? Interesting question.

Then we have only begun to know about the Quilting Group, headed up by Virginia Schurman. That gal can't keep busy enough.

Are you lusting for luster? Drool over Hyko Laeyendecker's luster bowl and platter, and while you are at it, he also has an intriguing lattice work platter, all shown in the sculpture garden.

Speaking of art work, have you met the hard working gals with the flower cart, most proficient in the arranging art, Doria Laeyendecker, Bea Post and Bettie Byerly, produce things of beauty for us to see.

Help! Jo Booze is trying to remember the immortal words to "Be kind to your web-footed friends."

Advice!-Ask Dot Gustafson how she gets through the gate at GBMC..pdq !

Game time, name time: When you e-mail 1) pugmug; 2) jasperbeach; 3) jamel; 4) margome; 5) germali; 6) ddscrs; 7) zeda3..... Who do you get? You figure it out.

Phil Schnering treated us to a Sunday musical and a wonderful bass who sang (shades of Ezio Pinza) "Some Enchanted Evening"..so many memories! Merrell Hambleton, Ginnie and Randi McKechnie, Jim and Lois Johnston, Betty Douglas and Margaret Cooke, Bill Benson, drifted back in time, obviously.....

Moving explosively into another musical treat, Louise Williams bussed us to Goucher to hear "Si-o-Si", the Afro-Cuban quartet...Like double 15

wow !! Susie and Bob Fetter, Ginnie Cooley, Dorothy Krug, Elborg and Bob Forster, Mary Nichols, Don Smyth, Virginia Foster and Peggy Taliaferro made the tripHelen and Chace Davis were there also... OMG -never ever saw or heard anything like Dafnis Prieto on the drums...Thank heavens he is not living here in the next unit, but only on the stage at Goucher !!

Another new game has appeared here, called Mexican Dominoes (Do you have to play in the native language?) Shirley Christie, Ethel Landis, and Pat Lackey were at it with mucho gusto and Alma Smith said the game has come a long ways!

Scrabble is still played in English according to the two Ruths (Williams and Bronstein)..... Haven't checked out the bridge or bingo gang crowd ... TTYL on that !

Before signing off..an easy way to cut down on expenses..TURN OFF OUTSIDE LIGHTS after you come home at night...simple, what ? 'nuff said...

BOOK GROUP SELECTIONS

In the Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, April 4

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

Monday, May 2

Prodigal Summer by Barbara Kingsolver

Monday, June 6

Where Men Win Glory, Odyssey of Pat Tillman
by Jon Krakauer

Books will be held in the BRA office. Be sure to sign the list when you pick up your copy. .

Susie Fetter



LET'S DANCE

with the George Hipp Trio

Monday, April 11

7 p.m. Auditorium

Everybody welcome

FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP SUNDAYS AT 11 A.M. STONY RUN BOARD ROOM

Everyone welcome

ANNIE VISITS BROADMEAD RESIDENTS ADORE ANNIE

By Ruth Williams

Annie is a 13½ year old Golden Retriever who makes weekly visits to Taylor and Hallowell Halls. Annie's owner is Lee Broh-Kahn who, along with Annie, is a certified Pets on Wheels volunteer, one of several who come to Broadmead regularly.

Lee chose Annie from an Animal Rescue group when she was four years old. Though now limping with arthritis and graying with age, she makes the long walk up and down the hallways to see her friends. She is a gentle animal who loves to be petted. Some of the many residents who look forward to Annie's visits are Jeff Hazard, Sis Heck, Marie Litz and Lucille Brandt.

Baltimore's Pets on Wheels organization was founded in 1982 by Dr. Frank Folke Furstenberg, a retired allergist and Sinai Hospital physician. Currently more than 1,000 teams in nine Maryland counties and regions make weekly visits to retirement communities, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, veterans' hospitals and other organizations. There are many stories of very ill patients who opened their eyes or spoke for the first time in years when visited by a pet.

All animals are screened by Pets on Wheels to make sure they are appropriate for this kind of job. The owner must have the dog's vet fill out a health certificate annually. When visiting, the dog must wear a Pets on Wheels pet tag, and the owner must wear an ID card on a lanyard. Broadmead also screens the animals and owners and provides training.

More pets and their owners are needed. If you or a friend are interested, please contact Marty Nichols, Broadmead's Activities Coordinator for Therapeutic Recreation, at 443-578-8864. Here, dogs are currently the only participating animals, although the Pets on Wheels organization also includes cats and other animals. You can find more information about the organization at www.petsonwheels.org.



Annie likes being petted by Lucille Brandt
Photo by Penny Partlow

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